



Post-Surgical Homecare Instructions

While your pet spends the day with us for surgery, there are a few things that we would like you to be prepared for once they return to your home.

Our surgery team is very busy monitoring all of the surgery pets throughout the day, so please do not call the clinic for an update. Once your pet has recovered from surgery, our Surgical Assistant will call you with an update, go over post-operative care instructions and set up a surgery discharge time.

It is important to follow all of our post-surgery instructions to help your pet recover quickly and without any complications.

- ✚ All of the sutures are absorbable unless otherwise indicated. They will slowly dissolve on their own. Feline neuters do not have any sutures present.
- ✚ Do not allow your pet to lick at their incision(s). We recommend that your pet wear an e-collar for 2 weeks following the surgery.
- ✚ Restrict Exercise – Do not allow your pet to run/ jump or play with other pets to prevent strain on the sutures and disruption of the healing. Leash walk only. Cats should be kept indoors.
- ✚ No baths or swimming for at least 14 days following surgery.
- ✚ All medication needs to be given as directed.
- ✚ Monitor your pets' incision(s) at least 1-2 times daily. Call the clinic if you notice any bleeding/ discharge or additional swelling.
- ✚ Mature pets may have more swelling and bruising which can result in a longer healing period.
- ✚ Monitor your pet for any changes such as vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite or lethargy. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns.
- ✚ Feline Declaws – Use paper litter or shredded paper for 2 weeks following surgery.
Do NOT use clay or clumping litter

Please call us with any questions or concerns post-operatively 519-756-1770